

Streszczenie w języku angielskim

Birth, marriage and death are strongly interconnected rituals which mark the status of an individual in a very particular way.

The monograph 'The study of selected cultural and linguistic rites of passage - based on an example of Lysiec village), contains a large amount of research regarding the three most important rites in the lives of village people. This is an ethno-linguistic study. It describes rites of passage such as: beliefs about pregnant women, rituals performed by midwives during labor, information about each stage the woman and her child have to go through to leave the isolation caused by labor, the meaning of baptism for a child, family and local community.

It also describes marriage stages: customs and beliefs about newly weds (a bride and a groom), bans and orders before marriage, description of wedding outfit, behavior of wedding participants. It contains songs for each stage before and during the wedding (dialect notation with musical notes).

The study analysis the rites of passage, bans and orders set upon families and local communities, their attitudes towards death where sacred and profane intertwine, and the role of legends and myths connected to folk images and beliefs about soul, dying, funeral and memory of the dead.

The study also talks about cultural codes in examined rituals and references to the issue of existence of beliefs nowadays. The language chapter defines lexical part of actions, attributes, places and people participating in each of the rituals.